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LIST OF QUALITY WATERS AVAILABLE FOR MANURE APPLICATORS AND ANIMAL PRODUCERS

DES MOINES – Starting March 1, state law provides additional protection for high quality water resources in Iowa from nearby animal confinement site buildings and from land application of manure.

“Manure applicators need to be aware that a new separation distance applies to land application near these high quality water resources,” said Jeff Prier, an environmental specialist in the DNR Spencer field office. “If manure cannot be injected or incorporated on the same day, then surface-applied manure must be applied at least 800 feet away from any of these areas.”

Producers who are building or expanding a confinement site large enough to need a construction permit should be aware of two items on the master matrix that refer to high quality water resources, Prier added.

“More than half of the counties in Iowa have high quality water resources,” Prier said. “These include not just the trout streams in northeast Iowa, but streams or lakes that have above average water quality, or provide outstanding scenic or recreational opportunities.”

A list of the waters has been developed for producers to use for planning prior to land application or as they use the master matrix for a construction application. The list and more information about the required setbacks are available on the DNR website under animal feeding operations at www.IowaDNR.com.

For more information, contact Jeff Prier, environmental specialist, at 712-262-4177; or Ralph Turkle, water quality engineer, at 515-281-7025.

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NEW AND EXPANDING ANIMAL CONFINEMENTS MUST SEND CONSTRUCTION STATEMENT TO DNR

DES MOINES – Starting March 1, producers who plan to build or expand a confinement feeding operation must file a construction design statement with the DNR before building.

Changes in state law require the statements for any facility that will have more than 500 animal units after construction; and will use a concrete or steel manure storage structure.

“The statements are important, because they ensure that producers are aware of the minimum concrete standards before they construct and that they meet the standards when they build,” said Sara Smith, a DNR engineer.

“Even unpermitted facilities, larger than 500 animal units but not large enough to need a construction permit, are required to meet state concrete standards,” Smith added.

Smith has developed a design statement that producers and contractors can use. It includes checklists for concrete standards and above ground tanks. The statement and more information are available on the DNR website under animal feeding operations at www.IowaDNR.com.

The DNR website can also help producers determine how many animal units they have. For example, 500 animal units equals 1,250 finishing hogs, 5,000 nursery pigs, 500 beef cattle or about 357 mature dairy cattle.

Confinements that will have 1,000 or more animal units after construction or expansion must also apply for a DNR construction permit.

For more information, contact a DNR regional field office or one of the DNR engineers at 515-281-8941.

For press inquiries, contact Sara Smith at 515-242-5521 or Karen Grimes at 515-281-5135.

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DNR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

DES MOINES — The DNR has taken the following enforcement actions. Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the charges or 60 days to pay the penalty.

- Holiday Mobile Lodge, Inc., Alberhasky Family Farms Ltd. and Allie Alberhasky, of Iowa City, were ordered to pay a \$4,000 penalty, stop any and all open burning, stop

any and all improper disposal of solid waste and, in the future, dispose of all solid waste in a lawful manner.

- Natural Pork Production II, LLC., of Harlan, was ordered to pay a \$5,000 penalty and comply with manure management plan and manure application requirements.
- Scooters Tower Club of Cresco was ordered to pay a \$500 penalty and to comply with monitoring and reporting requirements related to operation of a public water supply.
- John Danner and Berniece Danner, of Derby, were ordered to pay a \$2,000 penalty, submit a notice of intent to obtain a storm water discharge permit, submit an adequate pollution prevention plan and, if the site is not operated as a salvage yard, to remove and properly dispose of all vehicles, associated materials and other solid waste providing documentation of proper disposal upon completion.
- Green Valley Mobile Home Park, of Mt. Pleasant, was ordered to pay a \$5,000 penalty and to comply with its schedule for updating wastewater treatment facilities serving the mobile home park.
- Ysselstein Dairy, of Rock Valley, was ordered to pay a \$5,000 penalty and to comply with manure applicator certification and manure application requirements.
- Fran-Gard Properties, Inc. and Frank Gardner of Cedar Rapids were ordered to pay a \$10,000 penalty and obtain and maintain all required storm water discharge permits in the future and comply with all permit requirements.
- Daniel E. Wilson of Prairie City was ordered to pay a \$2,000 penalty and to comply with minimum manure control requirements; manure release reporting requirements and manure applicator certification requirements.
- Alcoa Inc. Aluminum Co. of America, was ordered to pay \$10,000 to Nahant Marsh Restoration and Educational Field Station in Davenport in lieu of a penalty for air permit violations at its Riverdale facility.
- Iowa City Ready Mix of Iowa City was ordered to pay a \$1,000 penalty and to monitor its wastewater treatment facility as required by its permit.
- Cargill, Inc. of Cedar Rapids, was ordered to pay a \$1,000 penalty to Linn County for air permit violations.

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